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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8285

INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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AMCONSUL BUKAVU

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TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA AND KENNETH STEVE SMITH AND

CARRIE HUNTER)

SUBJECT: W/W: THREE KIDNAPPED AMCITS

REF: STATE 121984

1. DCM MET WITH BERNARD MUGANDA, DIRECTOR, EUROPE-AMERICAS DIVISION, FONMIN, MAY 24 TO REQUEST TANZANIA BROADCAST ASAP STATEMENT IN PARA FOUR REFTEL. MUGANDA TOOK COPY OF STATEMENT TO TELEPHONE, RANG FONMIN MALECELA, WHO JUST LEAVING FOR CABINET MEETING, AND EXPLAINED USG REQUEST. MALECELA ASKED MUGANDA READ HIM STATEMENT WHICH MUGANDA THEN DID. MALECELA APPROVED STATEMENT WITHOUT CHANGE, TOLD MUGANDA TO HAND DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO PAUL SOZIGWA, DIRECTOR RADIO TANZANIA, AND HAVE IT BROADCAST SOONEST IN ENGLISH AND SWAHILI. ALSO TOLD MUGANDA TO TRY TO ASSURE STATEMENT IS PUBLISHED IN SUNDAY ENGLISH AND SWAHILI LANGUAGE PAPERS.

2. ASKED MUGANDA IF TANGOV ADDING SECOND PLANE TO SEARCH.

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(STATE 120217). HE REPLIED MALECELA WAS TO TALK TO MIN HOME AFFAIRS

TO ASSURE THIS DONE, BUT WOULD HAVE TO CONFIRM LATER TODAY (MAY 24)
THAT SECOND PLANE IN FACT ENROUTE TO KIGOMA AREA.

3. IN THIS REGARD, MUGANDA SAID TANGOV WOULD WELCOME ANY
ASSISTANCE IN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO AID IN SEARCH OR MATERIAL.
DCM SAID HAD NO RPT NO IDEA WHETHER USG COULD PROVIDE MORE
ASSISTANCE, BUT ASKED WHAT TANGOV VIEW WOULD BE IF USG OFFERED
ONE OR MORE PLANES TO AID IN SEARCH. WOULD SEEM WISE TO HAVE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE COUNTRIES "ZAIRE, BURUNDI, AND
TANZANIA) ON PLANE SO THAT SEARCH COULD COVER FULL AREA
WITHOUT NEEDING WORRY ABOUT BOUNDARIES. MUGANDA REPLIED
TANGOV WOULD WELCOME SUCH OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AND WOULD
GIVE FULL COOPERATION.

4. ASKED MUGANDA IF TANGOV YET IN COMMUNICATION WITH KID-
NAPPERS. MUGANDA SAID NO RPT NO BUT CONFIRMED MAY 23 INCIDENT
REPORTED BY CONSUL MACFARLANE (DAR ES SALAAM 1663). POLICE
OFFICERS DOUBTFUL MAN, WHO SPEAKS BROKEN SWAHILI AND FRENCH
AND LINGALA, CAPTURED BY TPDF AT KIGOMA IS PART OF KIDNAPPER GANG,
BUT HOPEFUL HE MAY HAVE INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS OF GANG AND
ON WHAT MOTIVES OF GANG MIGHT BE. MUGANDA SAID WOULD REPORT
RESULTS WHEN THIS MAN INTERROGATED.

5. MUGANDA SAID HIS PERSONAL OPINION IS GANG COMPOSED OF
REBELS FROM ZAIRE. BASE OF THESE MEN MAY BE IN ANY OF
FOUR COUNTRIES BORDERING LAKE. HE BELIEVES PURPOSE OF
KIDNAPPING IS TO OBTAIN RANSOM, AS MUCH AS ONE OR TWO MILLION
DOLLARS. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS POLITICAL PURPOSE IN
KIDNAPPING. IF KIDNAPPING IS SOLELY FOR MONEY, RADIO
MESSAGE MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN ELICITING DEMAND FROM GANG.
CARTER

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